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## Postmaster General to the mailing industry:

### "We Are Here to Stay."

Postmaster General Pat Donahoe assures mailers that the Postal Service will not go out of business or be privatized. It will, he says, continue to play a vital role in America's economy and society. He points out that this past year USPS delivered 167.6 billion pieces of mail and sustains a \$1 trillion mailing industry that employs 8 million people.

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## RELEASE SCHEDULE

In keeping with our goal of improving the customer experience, the Postal Service™ will implement a standardized release schedule for *PostalOne!*®, *eVS*® and *FAST*®. Working with the industry, a schedule was developed that establishes four releases per year – two major and two minor. Major releases will be deployed in winter and summer and will include structural changes to postage statements and electronic documentation. Minor releases will be deployed in spring and fall. [Click here](#) for the *PostalOne!*/FAST Structured Release 2012 schedule.

A standardized release schedule of six times per year will be followed for Facilities Profile updates; City/State Files, Labeling Lists, Mail Direction Files and Zone Matrixes. [Click here](#) to view the Facilities Profile Release 2012 Schedule for Address Management/Operation File Updates.

## Mail Service Updates

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

Faced with a massive nationwide infrastructure that is no longer financially sustainable, the U.S. Postal Service™ has proposed sweeping changes designed to save the organization up to \$3 billion a year by cutting its network of processing facilities by over half and adjusting service standards. For more information pertaining to the December 5, 2011 proposal, please click [here](#).

[Consumer and industry letters](#)

Check back often for updated information:

- Proposed Rule to Revise Service Standards
- Service Standard Directory (SSD) Files for Market Dominant Products
- Labeling Lists–  
Based upon Hypothetical Network
- FAQs for Mailers 12-5-2011
- FAQs for Mailers 9-15-2011 [1](#) [2](#)
- Status of Area Mail Processing Studies–  
Updated Weekly

Click the following links to learn about USPS Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) Testimony:

- Network rationalization policy
- Network rationalization implementation
- Mail entry and acceptance
- Market research
- Network rationalization financial impacts
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